**AGENDA TITLE:** 

Adopt Resolution Amending Traffic Resolution No. 97-148 by Approving a

35-Miles-Per-Hour Speed Limit on Reynolds Ranch Parkway from Highway 99

Frontage Road to Harney Lane

**MEETING DATE:** 

September 7, 2011

PREPARED BY:

**Public Works Director** 

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Adopt resolution amending Traffic Resolution No. 97-148 by approving a 35-miles-per-hour speed limit on Reynolds Ranch Parkway from Highway 99 Frontage Road to Harney Lane.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Reynolds Ranch Parkway is a recently-constructed roadway. As such, accident history does not exist, and since the area is not fully developed, traffic volumes are estimated to reflect future conditions.

Based on these factors, staff will continue to monitor the roadway in the event modifications are necessary. However, based on the data available at this time, staff recommends a 35-miles-per-hour speed limit on Reynolds Ranch Parkway from Highway 99 Frontage Road to Harney Lane (Exhibit A). Curve warning signs and 30-miles-per-hour advisory speed signs will be installed at both curves in the roadway. A map showing speed limits on all surveyed streets within the City is attached as Exhibit B.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** 

Normal maintenance only.

**FUNDING AVAILABLE:** 

Not applicable as sign installation costs were included with roadway

construction.

Public Works Director

Prepared by Rick S. Kiriu, Senior Engineering Technician

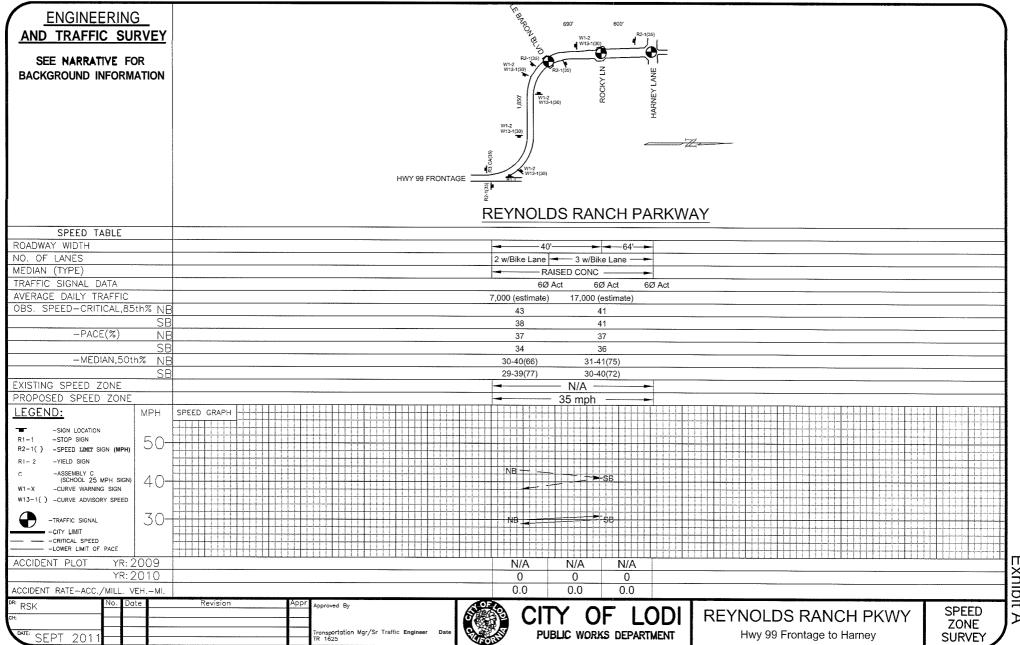
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Attachments

cc: City Attorney
Police Chief
Police Sergeant Jacobsen
Senior Civil Engineer Chang
Water/Wastewater Superintendent
Street Supervisor Watson

APPROVED:

Konradt Bartlam, City Manager



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<u>SPEED ZONE REPORT</u> – Reynolds Ranch Parkway, Highway 99 Frontage Road to Harney Lane

- REFERENCE Speed zone surveys are performed in the City of Lodi following the California MUTCD in accordance with Section 40802 (b) of the California Vehicle Code.
- STUDY CRITERIA Important factors to consider in determining the speed limit which is most appropriate to facilitate the orderly movement of traffic and that is reasonably safe are:

<u>Prevailing Speeds (85th Percentile Speeds)</u> - Reasonable speed limits conform to the actual behavior of the majority of motorists, and by measuring motorists' speeds, one will be able to select a speed limit that is both reasonable and effective. Speed limits should normally be established at the nearest five mile per hour (mph) increment to the 85th percentile speed. However, in matching existing conditions with the traffic safety needs of the community, engineering judgment may indicate the need for a further reduction of five mph.

Accidents - Accident records for two recent years were considered in determining the speed zones. Accidents on segments of roadways are classified by their accident rate. Accident rates are determined by the number of accidents occurring within a segment of roadway and the traffic volume within that segment. Accident rates are shown in accidents per million vehicle miles (ACC/MVM). The average Citywide accident rate is 3.4 ACC/MVM.

<u>Unexpected Conditions</u> – Highway, traffic, and roadside conditions not readily apparent to the driver were considered. When roadside development results in traffic conflicts and unusual conditions which are not readily apparent to drivers, speed limits below the 85th percentile may be justified.

Other Factors - The following factors were considered: residential density, pedestrian & bicycle safety, roadway design speed, safe stopping sight distance, superelevation, shoulder conditions, profile condition, intersection spacing and offsets, commercial driveway characteristics and pedestrian traffic in the roadway without sidewalks.

#### STUDY RESULT

Four radar surveys were performed and the 85th percentile speeds ranged from 38 to 43 mph as shown below.

Street Segment	<u>Northbound</u>	<u>Southbound</u>
Hwy 99 Ftg to Le Baron Blvd.	43 mph	38 mph
Le Baron Blvd. to Harney Lane	41 mph	41 mph

## Highway 99 Frontage Road to Le Baron Boulevard

The 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speeds on this segment are 38 and 43 mph. The 50th percentile speeds are 34 and 37 mph. There have been no accidents on this recently constructed street segment. Based solely on 85% speeds, the speed limit on this segment could be posted at 40 mph; however, based on bicycle and pedestrian safety, we recommend establishing a 35 mph speed limit on this segment.

### Le Baron Boulevard to Harney Lane

The 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed on this segment is 41 mph. The 50th percentile speeds are 36 and 37 mph. There have been no accidents on this recently constructed street segment. Based solely on 85% speeds, the speed limit on this segment could be posted at 40 mph; however, based on bicycle and pedestrian safety, we recommend establishing a 35 mph speed limit on this segment.

#### CONCLUSION

The recommended speed limits are shown below:

Reynolds Ranch Pkwy Segment Hwy 99 Ftg to Le Baron Blvd Le Baron Blvd to Harney Lane Posted Speed Limit 35 mph 35 mph

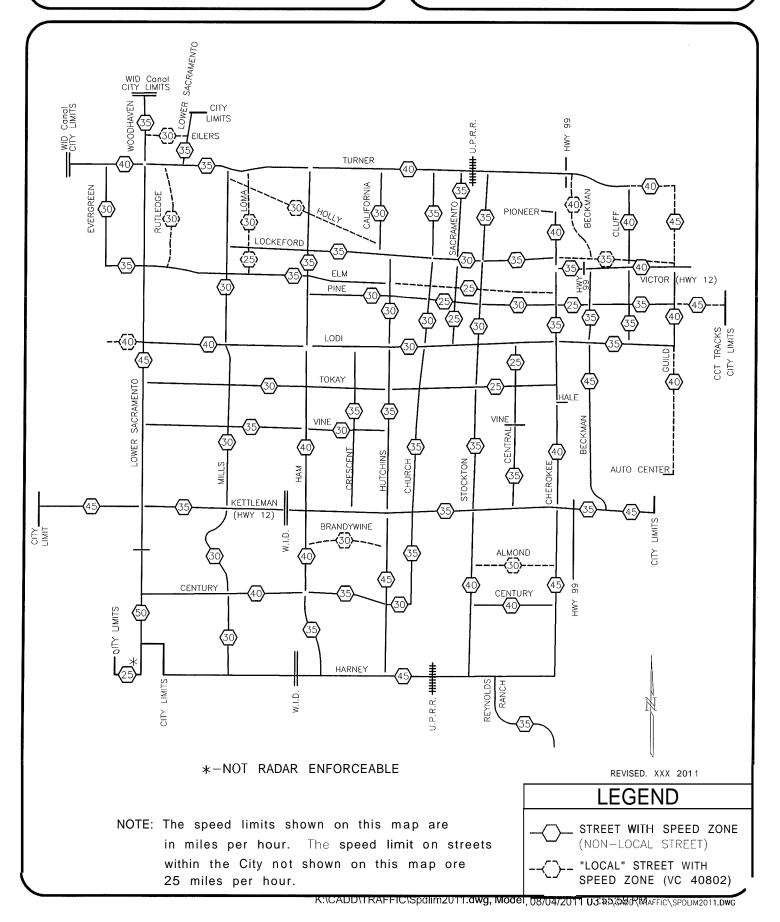
Paula J. Fernandez Transportation Manager/Senior Traffic Engineer



# CITY OF LOD

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

# POSTED SPEED LIMITS



#### RESOLUTION NO. 2011-142

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL AMENDING TRAFFIC RESOLUTION NO. 97-148 BY APPROVING A 35-MILES-PER-HOUR SPEED LIMIT ON REYNOLDS RANCH PARKWAY FROM HIGHWAY 99 FRONTAGE ROAD TO HARNEY LANE

WHEREAS, Reynolds Ranch Parkway is a recently-constructed roadway. As such, accident history does not exist, and since the area is not fully developed, traffic volumes are estimated to reflect future conditions; and

WHEREAS, based on the data available at this time, staff recommends a 35-miles-per-hour speed limit on Reynolds Ranch Parkway from Highway 99 Frontage Road to Harney Lane.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lodi City Council does hereby approve a 35-miles-per-hour speed limit on Reynolds Ranch Parkway from Highway 99 Frontage Road to Harney Lane; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Lodi Traffic Resolution No. 97-148, Section 7, "Speed Limits," is hereby amended to set the speed limit on Revnolds Ranch Parkway from Highway 99 Frontage Road to Harney Lane at 35 miles per hour.

September 7, 2011 Dated:

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2011-142 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held September 7, 2011, by the following vote:

AYES:

COUNCIL MEMBERS - Hansen, Katzakian, Mounce, Nakanishi,

and Mayor Johnson

NOES:

COUNCIL MEMBERS - None

ABSENT:

COUNCIL MEMBERS - None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS - None

City Clerk